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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the August 22, 2003 Office Action, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows: